(b) whether a foreign company viz., Shell has also applied for consideration as co-promoter;

(c) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(d) whether Government propose to give preference to a non-monoply house to check the growth of monopoly houses. and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) M|s. Shell International have offiered to participate as co-promoters.

(c) to (e) The entire issue regarding selection of a suitable co-promoter is under the consideration of Government.

Statement

1. B.D. Steels Castings Limited.
2. Shell International.
3. The Century Spinning and Mfg. Co. Ltd.
4. M/s. Zuari Agro Chemicals Limited.
5. National Engineering Company, Jaipur.
6. M|s. Straw Products Ltd., New Delhi
7. M|s Punj and Sons Ltd., New Delhi
8. The Gwalior Rayon Silk Mfg. (Wvg.) Co. Ltd.
9. Mr. Srichand P. Hinduja, UK.
10. Golden Tobacco Company.
11. M/s. Bajoria Agency Pvt. Ltd.

Joint Venture with Non-Resident Indians

†1851-A. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going ahead wiih a decision to form a joint venture consultancy firm involving leading public sector undertakings with some US based NRIs; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the joint venture proposal vests 51 per cent of equity holding with NRI's and the rest being dispersed among several public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. It was decided in principle, to set up a joint venture consultancy firm with equity participation from some of the selected Public Sector Undertakings along with Non-Resident Indians.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Representation from Colliery Mazdoor Sabha of India (CITU)

†1851-B. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated 25th June, 1986 from Colliery Mazdoor Sabha of India (CITU);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

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†Previously Unstarred Question 1901 transferred from the 12th August, 1986.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1889 transferred from the 12th August, 1986.

(c) what steps have so far been taken by Government on the said representation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Colliery Mazdoor Sabha of India (CITU) made a representation to Director General of Mines Safety on 25-6-86 complaining about a subsidence alleged to have taken taken place at Damodarpur village adjacent to No. 1 Pit of Khas Kajora Colliery, endangering about 100 houses in the area.

(c) The matter of subsidence taking place around Pit Nos. 1 and 2 of Khas Kajora Colliery was inquired into by the officers of the Internal Safety Organisation of ECL and it was found that no subsidence had taken place as reported; instead a portion of the shaft walling of a closed and abandoned old Pit No. 1 had recently collapsed. It had in no way endangered any inhabitant.

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12 Noon

RE. Rescheduling day's business

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, some dialogue is going on between the group leaders of the Opposition parties and the Government with regard to the Resolution under Article 249. Therefore, I suggest that we take up after routine work is over the Appropriation Bill and we may take up the Resolution under Art. 249 later.

Is that the consensus of the House?

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Now statement by the Minister correcting answer to question. Shri Sangma.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1986, to the Unstarred Question 349 regarding Beedi Workers Welfare Fund

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Sir, I beg on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1986, to the Unstarred Question 349 regarding Beedi workers Welfare Fund. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-3033/86].

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (for the year ended the 30th June, 1985) of the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperation Society Limited, Bombay and related papers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now papers to be laid on the Table.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Thirtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Limited, Bombay, for the year ended the 30th June, 1985, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Society.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—2889/86 for (i) to (ii).]